REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	30 September 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Uncommon Desires Newsletter Number 5 April 1992
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Passion Press
Author:	Not Stated
Format:	Newsletter
Country of Origin:	USA, Netherlands
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The newsletter *Uncommon Desires Newsletter Number 5 April 1992* is classified as: Objectionable.

The newsletter promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The bulk of its content consists of articles and news items which attempt to lay a moral justification for sexual relationships between adults and young persons. These articles tend to promote and support the sexual exploitation of young persons by normalising adult/young person relationships or denying the harm inherent in such relationships. The newsletter also contains a story which describes a sexual encounter between an adult male and a young female, and posed photographs and illustrations of naked or partially naked girls. The story, illustrations and photographs are sexualised and are intended to have a titillatory effect. They directly promote and support the sexual exploitation of young persons by making these persons the subject of adult sexual desire.

This publication is deemed to be objectionable under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. These deeming provisions override the rights and freedoms contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 which cannot, therefore, be applied to this publication.

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